
"USING THE INTERNET/NREN FOR IMPROVING ACCESS TO AND USE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION"

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December 10, 1992

A Seminar Sponsored by the:
Strategic Information Resources Management in the Public Sector Program
Syracuse University

Seminar Leader:
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Description:

The High Performance Computing Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-194) established the National Research and Education Network (NREN) and began a new era of national electronic communications and networking. Already, Internet/NREN offers exciting opportunities for Federal agencies to improve the management of, and public access to, their information holdings.

Participants attending this seminar will learn about these opportunities, understand the evolution of the Internet/NREN, recognize the importance of key issues currently affecting the development of

the Internet/NREN, and be aware of existing and potential networked-based applications in managing government information resources. More specifically, participants will learn:

- What the Internet is and how to use it
- How leading Federal agencies are already innovating new information management programs via Internet
- How their agencies can use Internet/NREN to enhance public access and dissemination programs
- How the Wide Area Information Servers (WAIS), Gophers, and other software can be used for identifying and accessing information over the Internet/NREN

- How Internet/NREN offers new possibilities for developing Federal information locator systems.

Seminar Objectives:

This seminar is designed to:

- Provide an overview of Internet/NREN evolution to date
- Describe the existing information policy framework in which the Internet/NREN currently operates
- Demonstrate basic information resources and services currently available over the Internet/NREN
- Identify and discuss key issues likely to affect the development and use of the Internet/NREN for managing and providing improved access to government information
- Demonstrate a number of agency applications that access, use, and disseminate government information using the Internet/NREN.

Key Note Speaker

Mike Nelson, Ph. D., Professional Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. "Accessing and Managing Government Information via the Internet/NREN: Issues and Opportunities."

Intended Audience:

The seminar is targeted at individuals involved in the management of government information, including Federal information resources managers, librarians and other government information managers; Federal information policymakers; public interest groups concerned about improved access to and management of government information; and government officials interested in applications of new information technologies to better manage, and provide access to, government information.

Resource Materials:

Participants will receive a resource notebook of basic reference sources, recent articles, and useful information to assist them in understanding current and potential applications of the Internet/NREN.

Seminar Information:

The seminar will be held from 8:30-4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 10 at the Washington Consulting Group Conference Center in Washington, DC. The WCG Conference Center is located near the Dupont Circle Metro Station at 11 Dupont Circle on the 8th floor. It is a reddish-brown brick building with windows facing Dupont Circle. The entrance is on New Hampshire Avenue across from the Dupont Plaza Hotel. If arriving by metro, take the Red Line to the Dupont Circle Exit. If you are driving, there is a PMI parking garage attached to the building and the charge is \$9.50 per day.

Seminar Participants

Charles R. McClure, Ph.D., Professor at the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, has written extensively on topics related to the management of government information resources (cmclure@suvn.acs.syr.edu). He has been funded by a number of Federal agencies to conduct research broadly related to the management of government information. He recently completed research on *The National Research and Education Network: Research and Policy Issues* (Ablex, 1991), and *Identifying and Describing Federal Information Inventory/Locator Systems: Design for Networked-based Locators* (National Audio Visual Center, 1992).

Eliot Christian, Information Services Division, United States Geological Survey, speaker and moderator for the session "Agency Applications and Uses of the Internet." Eliot's presentation is "Wide Area Information Servers (WAIS) for Accessing Government Information."

Jane Bortnick Griffith is the Assistant Chief of the Science Policy Research Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress (jbgr@seq1.loc.gov). In addition to her management responsibilities she is a specialist in Information Science and Technology, with special interests in scientific and technical information policies.

Bruce W. McConnell is Chief of the Information Policy Branch at the Office of Management and Budget (mcconnell@oerv01.er.doe.gov). He is responsible for government-wide information resources management policy, including maintenance of OMB Circular A-130. He represents OMB on the Federal Networking Council, which coordinates the evolution and operation of Internet/NREN.

Mike Nelson, Ph. D., Professional Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Nelson works with the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, (Chaired by Senator Al Gore), and was actively involved in the passage of the High Performance Computing Act of 1991, which established the NREN. More recently, he participated in the development of the Information Infrastructure and Technology Act of 1992 (S. 2937) which would have provided \$1.5 billion in support of developing the national network.

Timothy A. Pletcher is responsible for Networking and Telecommunications at the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) and currently the Assistant Director for Networking at the University of Michigan Medical Center. He has been responsible for the design and construction of the University of Michigan Health Science Network and the CIESIN networking infrastructure.

Joe Ryan, Instructor, Syracuse University, School of Information Studies (joryan@suvn.acs.syr.edu) is a co-author to the study, "Identifying and Describing Federal Information Inventory Locator Systems: Design for a Networked-Based Approach," and is a doctoral student at Syracuse University, School of Information Studies.

J. Timothy Sprehe, Ph.D., President, Sprehe Information Management Associates, Speaker and Moderator (0005093962@mcimail.com). Sprehe was the primary author for OMB Circular A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources," and recently retired from OMB to manage his own consulting company, Sprehe Information Management Associates. He writes a regular column about government information issues in *Federal Computer Week*.

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Schedule



- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration and Coffee
- 9:00 - 9:10 Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar
- 9:00 - 9:45 "Introduction to the Internet/NREN"
- Charles R. McClure: Internet Overview
 - Eliot Christian: Getting Connected
- 9:45 - 10:30 "An Introductory Tour to Internet Services and Information Resources: Demonstration and Overview"
- Joe Ryan
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 12:00 "Policy Issues in the Use of the Internet/NREN: Implications for Managing Government Information"
- J. Timothy Sprehe
 - Bruce W. McConnell
 - Jane Bortnick Griffith
- 12:00 - 1:00 Buffet Lunch served on site (demonstrations of Internet/NREN resources continue)
- 1:00 - 2:45 "Agency Applications and Uses of the Internet"
- Eliot Christian
 - Timothy A. Pletcher
- 2:45 - 3:00 Break
- 3:00 - 3:45 Key Note: "Accessing and Managing Government Information via the Internet/NREN: Issues and Opportunities"
- Mike Nelson
- 3:45 - 4:00 Summary and Conclusion
- Seminar Fee: \$225.00 (Includes lunch and resource notebook)**

Please register me for the December 10th Seminar on "Using the Internet/NREN for Improving Access To and Use Of Government Information." Detach and send this form to Linda Williams (lswill@suvn.acs.syr.edu), Director of Program Development, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244. You may fax the form to (315) 443-5806 or call (315) 443-2911 to register by phone.

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